Production of Sponge Iron

4346. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether sponge iron productin in the country has been far below the installed capacity in most of the coal as well as gas based plants;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to increase the production and for optimum utilisation of the installed capacity of the plants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) Pro duction of sponge iron in the country is mainly in the private sector. Non-availability of the required grades of some of the major raw materials has been reported to adversely affect the production. To improve the performance of the sponge iron units, the Coal Mines Nationalisation Act, 1973 has been amended with effect from 9.6.93 to allow development of captive mines by Iron and Steel manufacturers. This amendment also allows setting up of washeries for washing coal obtained from a mine. Besides this the Budget for 1994-95 has *inter-alia* reduced customs duty on iron ore pellets from 15% to 10% and on non- coking coal from 85% to 35%. Customs duty on iron ore pellets was further reduced to 5% from 26.4.1994.

Unauthorised Construction of Additional Floor by Allottees of C.H.B.S. (Sukhdev Vihar)

4347. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the building activity in respect of the Sarai Juliana C.H.B.S. Ltd. (Sukhdev Vihar) was released in the year 1976 with clear condition that only the ground floor and Barsati floor is permissible due to density of the sewerage;

(b) whether the allottees have unauthorisedly constructed the entire first floor in connivance with the officials of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken against the erring officials of MCD as well as against the allottees of the above colony?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Land rates for Dwarka Project

4348. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether DDA is charging Rs. 1110.43 per sq. mtr. from the various beneficiaries of Dwarka Project;

(b) is so, the basis for arriving at this break-even rate; and

(c) the break-up of the components of this amount in terms of (i) cost of land, (ii) development of cost of internal and external road, (iii) cost of laying sewer, (iv) cost of electrification, (v) cost of development of parks etc. and (vi) other, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) The DDA has reported that Rs. 1100.43 per square metre was the break-even rate of land or the year 1992-93 *for Dwarka Projects.*

(d) Expeniture incurred in the past and that projected for the future has been discounted to the year 1992-93 to estimate the present economic cost of the project, which works out to Rs. 1141 crores for the project area of 1862 Hect. The cost is them brought over to the net saleable area, which is only 58% of the total project area. Besides, concession is given to weaker section and land to be allotted to institutions and public bodies. The corresponding accmulate amount of subsidy has to be loaded on to the other land uses. Based on these principles, the Cost Benefit Analysis of the Project has been done and the break even rate comes to Rs. 1100.43 per sqr. mtr.

(c) The major components of the expenditure are on the items of work:—

(i)	Land Development	(Rs. in crores rounded off to the nearest cr.)
(i)	Road	65
(ii)	Sewer	105
(iii)	Water supply	105
(v)	Parks	57
(vi)	Electricity	164
(vii)	Miscellaneous	58
(viii)	Preliminary expenditure	41
(ix)	Master Plan roads	51
	Total:	667

(II) The discounted pooled land acquisition cost for Phase-I is Rs. 248 crores and the discounted additional compensation is Rs. 95 crores.

(III) Besides, cost of internal development is chargeable @ Rs. 550 per sqr. mtr. in respect of the plots for which development is to be carried out by the DDA.

Water Scarcity in Government Quarters

4349. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the Answer to Unstarred Question 1712 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th August, 1994 and state:

(a) whether Government propose to consider to construct another tank; apart from the one for the horticultural purposes, for supplying drinking water to the residents;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) by when the 2nd phase of water treatment plant, Haiderpur, is likely to be commissioned and the quantity of water likely to be made available to South Delhi and Srinivas Puri Colony respectively from the said plant; and

(d) what steps are being taken to expedite the commissioning of the Haiderpur Plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) There is no proposal to construct another tank for supply of drinking water in Srinivaspuri. Since the Government quarters in the colony are double storeyed, the position of water supply at first floor quarters is likely to improve with the commissioning of Haiderpur Treatment Plant.

(c) and (d) 2nd Phase (50 MGD) of 2nd 100 MGD Water Treatment Plant at Haiderpur along with its conveyance mains has already been completed. The work of flushing of conveyance mains is in progress after release of 25 MGD of Raw Water by Haryana Government with from 7.7.94. Due to non-availability of adequate quantity of Raw Water required for flushing, the work is taking time. The 25 MGD capacity of the Treatment Plant is expected to be commissioned by September 1994. The water supply position of South Delhi, including Srinivaspuri, is likely to improve after this.

Encroachment of Subways in Sadiq Nagar, New Delhi

4350. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the large scale encroachment of pedestrian subways by hawkers, Subziwalas and roaming of stray cows in sector II Sadiq Nagar, New Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that repeated complaints to CPWD and other concerned authorities has fallen on deaf ears;

(c) if no, what steps Government have taken so far and what have been the results thereof;

(d) whether any surprise ckecking has been done in the recent past in this regard; if so, what were the findings of such checking and action taken thereon; and

(e) what further steps Government propose to take to ensure that the hawkers are removed from such subways permanently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (e) The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has reported that encroachment of pedestrian subways by hawkers, subjiwalas, etc. and roaming of stray cows in the area is a continuing problem and its removal also is a continuous progress. The concerned Zone of MCD undertook encroachment removal action in the area on 28.3.94, 17-5-94 and 11.8.94 during